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Dear Keith:

This letter is to confirm the phone conversation on October 28, 1980, between you and Mr. Robert Schaefer, Superintendent of Sanitary Services for the City of Springfield, Missouri, concerning a sewage spill on the above mentioned date. The spill occurred when a 16" force main from the Southeast Lift Station broke. It took 3 1/4 hours to stop the flow once it was reported to us. During that time, approximately 300,000 gallons of raw sewage was discharged to a dry drainage ditch. This drainage ditch is tributary to Galloway Branch which is tributary to Springfield Lake. Approximately 3/4 of a mile of the drainage ditch was involved. The spill occurred at the intersection of Barataria Street and Marlin Avenue.

Cleanup was limited to chlorination of the raw sewage. Pumping the sewage back into the Sanitary Sewer was impossible.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call.

Yours truly,

Eugene Pabst
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ccs: Mr. Robert R. Schaefer, P.E., Superintendent of Sanitary Services
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